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- 1. Heinrich Rau, who was relieved on 9 May 1952 as chief of the East German State Planning Commission, will assume the post of defense minister; the date for this appointment has not yet been determined, but depends on the decision as to a public announcement.
- Bruno Leuschner, now Rau's deputy, will probably become head of the Planning Commission.
- 3. Erwin Kerber, now chief of the State Secretariat for Material Procurement, will become head of the Büro für Wirtschaftsfragen (supply agency for the paramilitary police) in place of Willi Stoph, who has succeeded Karl Steinhoff as Minister of the Interior. Kerber will be succeeded by his deputy Albert Binz.

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